

Personnel Director

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(Suggester's Name)

Devotional and Prayer Service for Employees

1. I would like to suggest that a conference room, or rooms, be made available for Devotional and Prayer Services for employees of CIA, to be entirely voluntary, non-denominational, and non-segregated.

2. As we of a so-called "Christian Nation" fully realize, the answer to our problems, both large and small, rests in the hands of God. Therefore, it would seem that a Government whose employees started the day by seeking guidance from Almighty God, both for themselves and for all the leaders of our Government, could not go too far wrong in making decisions that involve the security of our beloved nation.

3. There are several ways in which this might be worked out. One suggestion is that, since our conference rooms are quite small and our buildings rather far apart, two or more rooms be designated for this purpose. Thereby more people could attend and all areas be accommodated. These meetings might be held once a week at 8:00 a. m. and lasting twenty minutes, giving those employees who desire to attend ample time to be in their offices by 8:30 a. m. There must surely be, in an agency of this size several Christians who would be willing to co-operate and devote time to help conduct such a worthy undertaking.

4. Services of this nature are already being held for employees of the Navy Department, the Department of Agriculture, the Pentagon, and the U.S. Congress.